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TO: FBIS, FBIS/VIENNA.

1. EMBASSY TELEGRAM (LONDON 17666) ANSWERING THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S REQUEST FOR AN ASSESSMENT OF OUR WITHDRAWAL FROM STATE'S FSN CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM SEEMS TO ME QUITE PRO FORMA. IT'S ABOUT WHAT YOU WOULD THINK THEY'D HAVE TO SAY.

2. AT THE LOCAL LEVEL, AT ANY RATE, DAVE FIELDS IS STILL SPEAKING TO ME AND RELATIONS ARE QUITE CORDIAL.

3. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A COPY OF THIS CABLE, PLEASE ADVISE AND I WILL SEND YOU ONE.

4. I GATHER PMCD'S CLASSIFICATION REVIEW IS GOING AHEAD, THOUGH SLIGHTLY DELAYED. I HOPE THAT WE WILL SHORTLY BE RELEASED FROM OUR CONSTRAINTS ON PROMOTIONS, AS I WOULD LIKE TO PROMOTE [REDACTED] TO FSN-9, OUT OF HIS FSN-8 TRAINING STATUS. IF LIFTING OF CONSTRAINTS IS NOT IN THE IMMEDIATE OFFING, PLEASE ADVISE AND I WILL SUBMIT AS AN EXCEPTIONAL CASE.

5. THE ONLY WRINKLE ON THE PAY SIDE CONCERNS SHIFT DISTURBANCE PAY. IF THE EMBASSY ACTS SOON ON THE DEPARTMENT'S INSISTENCE ON A CHANGE IN THE RATE, WE WILL EITHER HAVE TO GO ALONG OR GET AN EXCEPTION FROM PMCD THAT WILL IMMEDIATELY FORCE US TO BEGIN TALKING WITH [REDACTED] ON WHAT TO DO WITH THEIR PROGRAM ON THE FBIS LONDON PAYROLL. BUT I GUESS WE'LL CROSS THAT BRIDGE WHEN WE COME TO IT.

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